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Dear Bill,

On March 15, 1994, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency met with representatives of Navistar concerning the Wisconsin Steel site located in Chicago. At that particular meeting, Navistar showed an interest in entering the Illinois EPA's Voluntary Cleanup Program. In lieu of the formal signing of the service agreement, the actual cleanup objectives are currently being discussed between Illinois EPA, the Army Corps of Engineers, and ERM (consulting firm of Navistar).

Because of the apparent interest of the potentially responsible party to enter the Illinois EPA voluntary cleanup program, we are asking that the Wisconsin Steel site be deferred for placement on the National Priorities List at this particular time.

However, we feel that certain Hazard Ranking System data collection efforts will need to be pursued. IEPA's Site Assessment Unit plans to continue to coordinate efforts with EDA and the Army Corps of Engineers to gather field data necessary to score the site. If in the event Navistar does not comply with the objectives set forth by the voluntary program, IEPA will have the necessary data available to put together the HRS scoring package.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter and if you have any further questions or comments please contact me.

Sincerely,

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